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**WEB Procedures: AMUSEMENT PARK**

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The following information is a summary of the City's ordinance and is not intended to cover everything included within the ordinance. Whenever summarization creates a conflict, the official ordinance governs. A copy of the entire ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's office, 455 N. Main – 13<sup>th</sup> floor, or directly from the Internet at [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov).

**BASIS**

Any person engaged in the business of operating an amusement park in the city.

An amusement park shall be construed to include and mean a permanent installation of riding and amusement devices of the type commonly employed in the operation of carnivals such as merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, miniature trains, pony rides, carousels, parachute towers, bungee jumping, reverse bungee jumping, roller coasters, cranes or other lifting devices, when used as part of an amusement ride, inflatable equipment or other devices that do not have rigid structures or frames and which are inflated or otherwise supported by air pressure and other similar devices.

Amusement park rides shall not include:

- a. Games, concessions and associated structures;
- b. Any single passenger coin-operated ride that: (i) is manually, mechanically or electrically operated, (ii) is customarily placed in a public location, and (iii) does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator;
- c. Non-mechanized playground equipment, including, but not limited to swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features; rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, slides, trampolines and physical fitness devices.
- d. Portable amusement rides which are used solely for personal use.

**LEGAL****REFERENCE**

Chapter 3.20, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas.

**REGULATIONS**

No amusement park shall be installed or operated in use districts other than GC, CBD, LI, GI of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code. Unless other fence screening is required by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code, the entire area within which such amusement park is installed and operated shall be enclosed by a wire fence of a minimum height of 5'. Adequate toilet facilities shall be provided. There must be compliance with the building code, electrical ordinances, health and sanitation ordinances. No music-producing devices shall be played or operated after the hour of 10:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or after the hour of 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and the volume of noise produced and emitted by such mechanical instruments or devices shall be kept in compliance with Chapter 7.41 of the City Code regulating noise. Amusement parks shall close at 12:00 midnight. Amusement park licensees are required to file a certificate of commercial general liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence with the City Treasurer, unless owner of amusement ride or park is the state, a not-for-profit organization or any subdivision of the State of Kansas. The licensee shall provide a Certificate of Inspection as required in Section 3.20.060.

**Cannot be prorated. License is non-transferable and non-refundable.**

**Allow 30 days for approval.**

**ENFORCING  
AUTHORITY**

Superintendent of Central Inspection; Director of Environmental Health; Police Department

**FEES**

Due annually on 05/01 .....\$600.00  
New applicant.....\$ 1.00

**PROCEDURE**

New applicants must complete an application. Completed applications, fees, and insurance are turned in to City License (12<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall).